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Ms. Donna Searcy
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Ms. Searcy:


The City of Pinole, a California City with a population of approximately 18,000 will experience severe fiscal problems with the added mandate of proposed PR Docket 92-235. It is estimated the proposed legislation, as drafted, will cost in excess of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, against an annual city operating budget of approximately Seven Million dollars. As you can see, it is an impossible task to accomplish. The City of Pinole provides full service Police and Fire services to the community. In addition, the City of Pinole provides police and fire communications services, on a contractual basis, to surrounding police and fire agencies, serving an approximate population of 55,000. The costs to meet the mandated requirement of PR Docket 92-235 are estimated at over THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

As you are well aware, the state of the economy is not well in California. The unemployment figures are well above the national average. Major military bases are being closed in California, and many of those are located here, in the San Francisco Bay area. Severe budget cuts are being made at the county and local city levels, which are costing many people their jobs, not to mention the lower service level being provided in the community. The state of California is seeing a deficit unequalled in the past, to exceed seven Billion Dollars.

Unless funding is provided by the Federal government along with the mandated provisions of PR Docket 92-235, we will simply be unable to meet the mandate as proposed. If the purpose is to put local agencies out of the communications business, this proposed legislation will provide the final nail in the coffin.

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I urge the members of the Federal Communications Commission to seek input from local, regional and state communication directors. The problem that initiated this legislation surely has an answer. To place the burden and costs directly on the back of local government is not an appropriate answer. If I can be of assistance to you or the staff of the Federal Communications Commission, please feel free to contact me at Police Administration, (510)724-8955.



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Chief of Police

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